

## The Summer Internship Program Gettysburg National Military Park

**A**re you interested in a career with the National Park Service? Do you enjoy talking to people from across the country and around the world? Would you like to share your interest in history and help others enjoy the stories of this park? GNMP offers internships to motivated, enthusiastic individuals who seek to share their talents and gain valuable work experience.

**W**e want you to enjoy your internship and be successful. Interns receive up to 40 hours of formal training as well as on-the-job training as part of their internship. Training is in subjects such as: meeting/greeting the public; operating visitor facilities, organizing and presenting effective interpretive talks, interpretive techniques, and radio/safety procedures.

**A** typical internship in the Division of Interpretation at Gettysburg NMP consists of three things. Interns help staff the information desk at our new visitor center. This offers experience in meeting and greeting the public, providing information/orientation to the park and area, as well as an understanding of what it is visitors seek in a visit to the park. Interns are also responsible for researching, preparing and presenting two different interpretive programs, one relating to the Battle of Gettysburg, and the other dealing with the themes evoked by the National Cemetery and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. A third project is often assigned that matches the specific talents and goals of the intern.

Internships are typically offered in the summer months when the park is busiest, and a typical internship lasts 10-12 weeks. Interns work 40 hours each week, and weekend work can be expected. Positions are unpaid, although the park provides free housing and a cost of living stipend. This is currently \$75.00/week. Our interns are in public contact positions and therefore are required to wear a uniform (usually khaki pants and a dark blue shirt). Currently we provide a uniform allowance to cover this cost.

To apply for an internship at Gettysburg NMP you should submit a resume, cover letter and reference list by December 31. Your resume should include your name, address, telephone number, the names of any colleges or universities attended, and a brief synopsis of your work experience. Your cover letter should address why you want an internship at Gettysburg NMP, and how it relates to your career goals. Even more importantly, it should demonstrate your writing skills.

**P**lease send your application materials to:

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If you have further questions please contact Education Specialist, Barbara Sanders by phone at 717-334-1124 extension 3151, or by email at <a href="mailto:barbara\_sanders@nps.gov">barbara\_sanders@nps.gov</a>.

Thank you for your interest in our Internship Program at Gettysburg National Military Park